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Lieut. Col. Dyer
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

[illegible] taken by the Pascal [illegible] [illegible] most [illegible] either killed or prisoners — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] action

I have the Honor to be
&c.
Your very Obedient
humble Servant

Sunday at [illegible]
19 Octr
8 [illegible]

Major General [illegible]
&c. &c.

Sir

I have only time to say the [illegible] you have taken [illegible] the followers are in the most part killed or made prisoners —

I have the Honor to be
&c.
Your very obedt & humble
[illegible]

[illegible] Octr
[illegible] 8 [illegible]

William [illegible] Esqr. [illegible] President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have great pleasure in telling you [illegible] the [illegible] have taken [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] killed [illegible]

and dispersed his followers Sixty five of whom have arrived and many others are reported on the road —

I have the Honor to be

with Great Respect

Gentlemen Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Signed W. Mc Innes Col.

19 Oct.

8 P.M.

Captn. Whitler

Commdg. Moloy troops

Sir

Least the Letters Lieut. Col. Innes has written to Captn. Bowyard — to yourself — to the officer Commg. 1st Bn. — and the Pioneer officer — should have passed you — I think it right for the good of the Service to say — they were sent to prevent your advancing — and the parties ordered by Col. Agnew the Reinforcement not then being wanted —

And I have much pleasure in telling you My [illegible] took Moopha in the Goundalapoonar Jungles near Parealum last night — all his followers being by them killed taken or dispersed —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) W. Mc Innes

Col.

Dindigul

19 Octr

11 P.M.

P. S.

the Commandant of Corps the purport of this letter

Signed
T. B. Hurdis

Route for the detachement of the Regt. De meuron from Dindigul to Talimola -

from Dindigul

to Namalnoot	13	Wells and Nulla
Pulla mombara	12	Small wells
Kistnamanaig Valsa	13	Nulla and Wells
Vengapollam	13	Wells
Teroopoor	13	River Noyil
Chayoor	10	Tank and Wells
Cullampetty	13	Wells
Bodicoopa	13	River Mye
Gagulgutty	5	River mye
Tulmolla	7	Wells

This is to the top of the Pass. Thence to Seringapatam The Stages are not perfectly known - at least not sufficiently so for me to fix them -

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Oct. 21st 1801

Lieutt. Colonel Agnew
&c &c &c

Sir

I enclose lists of the Pandalumcourchee men taken by my people and copy of my letter to Major [illegible] for

your information —

2 I beg to call your attention to list A. the parties — therein named compose several of the principals in your proscribed list — I beg you will transmit to me the rewards proclaimed for apprehending them — that they may be given to those who have so well deserved them —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obt. humble Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Dindigul
~~25th Octr 1801~~ —

William Petrie Esqr. President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I beg leave to enclose for the information of your Board copies of letters and lists of prisoners sent to Lieutt. Colt. Agnew —

2 The names entered in list A. are all chiefs and complete by their apprehension the overthrow of Pondalumcour-chee Men —

3 The Brother of Omey was traced from a small Village in Whotapah naigues Pollam — into the Taupatoor pol-lam — under Mr. Lushington — I had warned the Tahseeldar under date 17th instt. of the probability of the rebels coming that

way

way — and he was so fortunate as to seize him —

4 Lieut.t Colonel Innes came in on the 23.d — all the principals of the Virupatchee were brought in by his detachment —

5 Caudan and Comanvella yout both many years under proscription — are the only disturbers as yet at large — little is to be apprehended from them —

6 Barrapoor Bomi naigue was yesterday captured by Tondimans peons and sent to Paramalle —

7 Every thing promises favorably for peace in these districts but vigilance is still necessary and I trust your Board will rest assured of every exertion of mine to prevent or remedy every disturbance —

I have the honor to be with greatest respect —

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
25th October 1801 —

William Petrie Esq.re President
&c. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

1 — — — I beg leave to transmit to your Board my

my Head Assistants Report on the Madura province

2 - - - - - - - - The Statements accompanying fully elucidate in Abstract the Report — the details whence they were found are collected and shall be sent so soon as possible — but as they can be dispensed with and will take some time to translate which is more necessarily employed in an enquiry into the Khaum Wassool — they are for the present deferred

3 - - - - - - - - The subject of the Village Mauniums is also at present not entered on — and from the confused state of the country neither the particular or general Cawellies have as yet been ascertained — the enquiry is going on — and with the Jummabundy the Accounts particular shall be sent — with every explanation

4 - - - - - - - - As I had formerly stated to your Board the confidence I had in Mr. Garrow's ability I hope the specimen now transmitted will appear to your Board to justify my opinion should it meet with favorable consideration I trust it will not be thought too presuming if (as he is always detached) I beg to recommend that his allowances be put on the same footing that Mr. Wallace's were while under Mr. Harris — well assured Mr. Garrow's exertions will merit so substantial a mark of the favor of Government.

5 - - - - - - - - I beg to transmit for sanction the

Moyen=

Moyinzabita for Madura – the Hungamah establishment will be used no longer than necessary.

6 .... On the subject of the Collection of the last fusly balance I shall in the course of a few days address your Board – at present I am not sufficiently informed on the extreme intricacies of the Madura Management to know to whom this property should be rendered or to whom either by order or agreement it justly belongs – No renters agreement or Muchelga being found.

7 .... An Account of the sums paid from necessity to the Nabob's Troops will also accompany this report – as well as what appears due from the renters to the Servants of the Nabob exclusively – and what appears due to their own – but as the Accounts are not yet separated so as to shew how much each renter collected during his Management and how much ought to have been paid I cannot accurately state this case to your Board

8 .... The orders of Government gave a discretionary power of retaining or discharging the Troops – and as my Assistant found their services not only not to be depended upon but that their usual practice was extortion in the

country

country he thought it most proper to discharge
them — and save a daily expence of between &
twenty five and thirty Star Pagodas they were &
disarmed and the arms lodged in the Cacharee.
9 — — — — — — — In respect to the general &
state of the country every thing is in better &
order than might from the Marawar rebellion
have been expected — Cultivation is well made
and I am persuaded the lesser ryots are satisfied
with the change — from all the information
I have — the Revenue will not be less than
the average of the last five years — but as
I do not at present think Tuccavy necessary
I shall not attempt to raise the Jumma.
10 — — — — — — — The Curamoottoor Colleries
are the only troublesome people at present
— but as I have now the aid of part of Lieut.
Colonel Agnew's force I hope soon to see —
order reestablished particularly as the Meadows
are now for ever lost to them.
11 — — — — — — — The Stores and Guns of the
Nabob are yet with the Cacharee I beg to
know what I am to do with them — I have
used a quantity of the Ammunition for
the service of my Peons

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I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Colapollam Collector
26th October 1801

William Petrie Esqre. President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of sending Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for August and September and estimate from 1st October to the 30th April

2 .... Whether your Board will be able to form any precise judgement from it or not, I cannot say — it is so far as regards myself correct — but the irregularity of the Madura Paymaster's extra

indents

indents renders it impossible for me to be exact as I wish

I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Gentlemen,

&c. &c. &c.

Dindigul
27th October
1801

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieutt. Colonel Agnew
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have received your favor of the 2d instt. and rejoice of the contents granting retribution justice –

2 I have given directions for the proclamation according to your desire –

3 I had hoped Bome naigue of Vaxpoor would have accompanied these miscreants – as his influence was the cause of their conduct independent of which he fought Lieutt. Collt. Innes at Manapachery opposed him in Paramallie – and on his route to Tremium he gave protection to the Son of Veerapatchee – to Mootoo Veerah pordan – Tomrechee Moodelly – Caudan & proscribed rebels – allowed them to pass & repass through his country – to

rentes

reenter this province with their hordes - the Omey and Shevatiyah at their head the proof of these circumstances is from the declaration of Veripatchees Son sent you on the 30th October - from Mootoo Veraks Copy now enclosed - and from the other comications I had from Lieutt. Colt. Innes who transmitted them to me as he received them and - which - if the notoriety of his rebellious conduct be not sufficiently established to condemn him - I shall be happy to forward to you that retrebution justice may also be had on Bomi naigue -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Dindigul

4th November 1801

Cecil Smith Esqr.

Civil Auditor

Sir

Be pleased to receive the accounts of the district under my charge for the month of Octr.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Dindigul

5th Novr. 1801 -

(Signed) T B. Hurdis

Collr.

George Read Esqr

Sub Collector

Bhavani

Sir

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 2nd Instant Covering List of Coins for the Paymasters Department —

— — — — I am sorry to say in attending to the Currency of my District you have not adverted to the Circumstance of these Coins not being wanted for them — they are for the pay of the Southern Detachment which is not only out of my District but in those — in which variety of the Coins sent are not current —

— — — — In my letter dated September 24th to Mr Hepburn — I requested the Coins might be exchanged into New Porto Novo Pagodas & Company or Arcot Rupees as the Currency I would have wished Reference had been made to that letter as what would have saved us much trouble — More particularly as 40000 Star Pags — in Coins were in hand — and required only three weeks to exchange them into the Currency required and of these 40000 — only thirty five thousand are now reported to be Collected and Sent —

— — — — I have to inform you that I shall not receive these Coins — and recommend your writing to the Madura Paymaster stating the cause of deficiency of Supply — that the cause of disappointment to the Detachment may be

properly

property explained to the Commanding officer — 13

5 . . . — Mr Thursby is at Madura and his people are at Dindigul — The sorts of the Coins you have now sent were never yet issued to the Paymaster even for the Dindigul District —

I am Sir
Your very obedient Servant

Dindigul
6th Novr 1801 —

(Signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collector

List of Prisoners Delivered to Major Marne

Cammuttoor Aundyappen	Coller
ditto — Chadamayen his son	ditto
Aurapulty China Culleyane	ditto

Dindigul
7th Novr 1801 —

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr

Major Marne
&c &c

Sir

I beg to send for the Rock the Cawnitte chiefs — they have been Notorious in the late rebellion —

I am Sir
&c &c

Dindigul
7th Novr 1801 —

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr

1 D. Brown Esq.

Nurreo

Sir

I was duly favored with your letter of the 13 ult. which pressure of very important business has prevented my answering until now.

2 - - - Mr Campbell's letter and enclosure (the former dated 25th August) I received the 17th Sept. It having been following me during the period of my journey from Madras.

3 — I enclose in answer to Mr Campbell's letter copy of the representation of the Kroomins & ryots to which I request specific answers.

4 — I have received Mr Campbell's statement of deficiencies in number of Cauris to be planted - and I have given order which I trust will ensure the full plantation according to agreement.

5 - - - I am extremely sorry that you feel cause for complaint against the village people for their want of attention to the culture of the cane - and the more so as I do not conceive myself warranted in any interference with their Cultivation - but particularly in what would increase their own labour & expence without being in their opinion compensated by extraordinary profits -

I am Sir

&c

Dindegul

8th Nov. 1801 - 5

(Signed) T. H. Hurdis

Collr.

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William Petrie Esqr. President
&c.a Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor of addressing your Board on the subject of the irruption of the rebel Polygars — their movements and the success of Lieut. Col. Innes against them.

Vide lett. No. 1 —

2 — The execution of the rebel chiefs — is likely to ~~enable~~ give security to the country and to increase the revenues by returning to the habits of cultivation those whom the pride and restless spirit of the Polygars had withdrawn from it to aid their depredations —

3 — In my letter of the 19th Octr. to your Board I stated that the income to the Ryots of the villages plundered by the rebels would be greater than their loss — I am con

however to find our investi-
-gation — that these lists have
been very carefully — and to
proportionate
request that assistance may
be rendered them —

4 — In the investigation
every means has been used
to guard against fraud — the

Vide No 2 — &c

~~[illegible]~~ Delaware State-
-ments ~~is~~ sent to show
the outrages that have suffer
and the Anoamean State-
-ment to show how indi-
-viduals have been attend-
-ed to —

5 — And also statements
of the losses of these outrages
for fifty 1820 that your
boundary as accurately

Vide No 4 —

as possible form an opini-
-on of the quantum of
damage sustained by
the individuals in propor-
-tion to the whole they
were individually responsible
for to the Nation —

6 — Which is very ne-
-cessary for the purchase
of their ~~[illegible]~~ household
utensils — and instruments
of agriculture — and they
a discretionary power of

for making such further
advances to them — as the
urgency of their case may
demand — limiting the
whole to the sum speci-
fied in the abstract — or
Dolls. 2787. 3.19 — being
the same as the returns a[s]
~~but~~ several of them have
partly recovered their prop[erty]
will require little or no[ne]
to be advanced while oth[ers]
who have really lost th[eir]
all — will need every assist[ance]
the public may be pleas[ed]
to afford them —

7 — — In advancing
this recommendation I do
not mean to suppose gov[ernment]
ought to grant any sort
of indemnity to these
people — save as a p[...]
— they have certainly
suffered — but when I
recollect these pressing
sufferings could render
the celebrated [illegible] of the Insur- in 1795
rebel [illegible] — rav[age]
and plunder the coun[try]
I conceive ~~self defence~~
~~should have~~ ~~caused th~~
they ~~[illegible]~~ might have either with h[...]
decision and [illegible]
[illegible]

instance as well as other
under Poligar government

8 — The happy termina=
=tion of this most widely
extended Rebellion — has
now permitted me to
carry into ~~full~~ effect
a Partial Reduction
of the Regular & Irregular
Sebundy — & thus to trans=
=mit a reduced Establishment=
=Schedule for the approba=
tion of your Board — the

Vide No 5
—
Vide No 6

comparison of which with
the one authorized will
shew that the reduction
of the Establishment —
Regular & Irregular
Sebundies. — after deducting
the increase of Sebundy
on the Shaking Sircar
Sebundies — and on the
Ramnad Sebundies from one additional Company — yields
a saving monthly of
360-22-40 — to the Sircar

9 — The distribution
of the Sebundies which
formed these Sebundies
is as follows — Three

(2)

13

19

To Daroo Poon 13 Mobbles of Abbayomalee

To Kaingpen — 12 Mobbles of Akeipomalee —

To Kakrapley — the Pokanna of Decka & Kermyalum —

To Sattadoree the Pokanna of Perinputty —

To Pekacken the Pokanna of Sekkeputty — Cononore of Cherchonde —

This arrangement which gives so great a reduction of expence, since the establishment of the interior provinces give security — a short time since the Vengutchen Palook will have its cobbendy, [illegible] as well as Makrapley but for the present it is most proper it should remain as they are

10 — The partial reduction of the Annganna Sebbendy will also I trust meet the approbation of your Board the —

Vide No 7 —

Statements accompany
ing shews the Number
and the transfer of those
of Pikucker to the Regal
establishment of Thaken
-ghery

~~11 = In the Mazonjahi~~
~~for [illegible]~~

11 —— Hence the
reduction of Expenses Pr.
Mensem is 822.31.38 -
exclusive of the Lakar
for the Peons belonging
to the Wheeler of
Salem amounting to 114.26
intoto to 957.25.64 p Mensem

12 — In the Mazonjahi
for Madura - Those
entered therein a Sebbendy
for the Talooks of Tirum
-boor & Terooman of Shevi
- These Peons also to
be a relief from the
Original districts
Army composed of the
2nd Detachment and the
Peons raised for General
Motha & they are expense

Vide Diary

necessary for the transac-
-tion country just now
for [illegible] — Whatever
is crushed by the exhor-
tation of the chiefs —
yet smaller parties of
plunderers still exist
which for a few months
will require a well
appointed soldiery
to look after —.

13 — Tis my intention
to reduce not only those
but one battalion also
at present in Kandy
so soon as it can be
done consistent with
propriety — In the
mean time I request
the sanction of your
[illegible] to the [illegible]
-[illegible] [illegible] and
which I hope to do
so soon as a complete
investigation now ready
-ing is completed —

I have the honor to
be with great respect
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Ser—

Colombo
22nd Nov
180[illegible]

Letter to the Board

Dated 22d Nov

with Nos from

1 to 7.

23

Lieut^t. Col^l. Agnew
&c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

Sir

I am this moment favor'd with your letter of the 6th. inst^t.

2 ——— I am sorry that proof against Bommenayaca in respect to Nuttum appears to have been failed in — but had hoped even if that charge was not proved others would have convicted him and notwithstanding his offer of submission to you I am well aware he has been one of the leaders in the rebellion — though with more wile & subtility in his proceedings than others

3 ——— The loss of his pollam can hardly be considered a punishment since he held it on usurpation in which he was upheld by the murdoos as a man better fitted for their purpose than the legal heir —

4 ——— I am very happy to hear of the sentence on Sidapilly of Thumumapilly — he was a chief ever obedient to the murdoos in plundering Nuttum —

5 ——— I should be glad to be favored with the circumstances respecting the conduct of Andiaa=pa of Keelawaloo — which call for your dis=approbation — as I know he rendered some material service to the detachment under

Lieut. Colo. Innes – and that their did subsist much enmity between him and his uncle – at the same time that I mention this it is by no means my intention to increase the power of any collery chief whatever –

6 —— The Carmatoor chief & partizan of the murders – are taken and on the Rock of Dindigul – viz Ande Taven & his son Shedar=moyen – & amputty Chinna Culliana taven – I will be very happy to commit them to your tribunal that you may sentence them according to their desert. the latter viz Chinna Culliana taven whose alliance offen=sive and defensive with Coopal naigue late Poligar of Veerpatchee and through him with the late Sultauns servants has been long notorious – was the chief partizan in the depredations committed in the Madura Country –

7 —— In No. 1 & 2 I transmit you copy of letter from Mr. Collector Read – and my answer – which will I hope expedite the cash & in such coins as may preclude loss to the troops

8 —— I have directed the tahseldar of Aneoor to disarm entirely the collerie of the Venidums composing that district – a very few days will determine the business but until it is so settled as to impress the collerie

with the necessity of obedience I have to request that the means of coercion may not be removed - I have every reason to expect success -

I have the honor to be

Dindigul &c &c &c

1 Novr 1801 (signed) T.B Hurdis

Coll.

George Read Esqre

&c &c

Sir

I have this moment your favor of the 10th inst -

2 I beg leave to set you right in an assumption you have made of my "determination to reject all the coins but new Porto Nova Pagodas & Companys rupees" - no part of my letter indicating any such thing -

3 My exclusion goes to all you have sent - but especially to the Ferokee - Ahmedy Siddekee - Shires - Venetians - and Mysore rupees - which six sorts are not current - and which were the only alluded in the 5th Paragraph of my letter of 6th inst -

4 The delay in transmission of the coins arose from my letter of 11th October - the cause - the disturbed state of the country - south of the Noyil

– but that delay gave time for coins current to be procured in the districts north of the Nagel –

5 — I certainly desired the Viry & Cantery fanams should be exchanged into other coins – and as the most proper currency I named in my lett to Mr. Hepburn 24th Sept. the coins specifically –

6 — You tell me you have sent what you conceived to be the best coins in addition to the Porto nova Pagodas – and Companys Rupees – because I might have less trouble in getting them replaced – and if instead of rejecting them I would employ the same endeavours to have them exchanged in my districts as you have in yours – I should thereby you think more essentially consult the wants of the Commanding officer and of his detachment –

7 — Had you adverted to the probability of my being obliged to do so – as far as practicable – in respect to my own advances – you possibly might have thought very much the reverse of what you have expressed – I shall only now say – that tho I would willingly do much in accomodation to you – I shall not take on myself to do what you ought to have done – and I excluded all your invoice because I conceived any explanation from you to the

Paymaster — would be more proper than my taking any part of the money for his department and acting as a medium — which as occasion is now open I decline most decidedly — & as you have transmitted copy of letters between us to him be so good to have the farther goodness and remit the Cash to him — as I will not take charge of it —

6 — — If he take the coins objected to — I have nothing more to say if he do not you will of course exchange them — not me — any other advances you can make to him you will be so good to inform him of — as I have nothing to do with his department more than to tell him when distressed for money where he can get it —

I have the honor to be
&a. &a.

Dindegal
12th Novr. 1801
(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

The Jemedar shroff & Cash were reported arrived to me this morning — I bid them wait your orders — for which they are now in expectation

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Sirkar as part Collection — that it becomes a

Item for which him & his Servants are responsible

and thence that the act of Copparindy Chitty in taking

the 2000 P. Ps. under the Circumstances noted by you

is an act of aggression on the Sirkar property

4 You will also recollect that a manager of

Jenura under the Tenter or Narraine Row under

Pursuant Cruth was circumstanced could not mortgage

any part of an ensuing Crop — and that thence

any act of that kind derived from an imperfect

right could not be valid —

5 I have to desire a full investigation of

the Subject for although it appears to me that the

claim of Sababady is just on the representation was

made — it occurs also that not only his money

but the money of Copparindy Chitty (if entered as

receipts in the Sirkar accounts) is Sirkar property

— the non acceptance of the Bill at Madras does

not alter the case — it only throws the loss on

the present parties —

6 Should this Sums not be in the Sirkar

accounts

Account or receipts than can be no hesitation on the

Decision and if on investigation you find the stake

has no claim to it you have my authority to return

it as sealed to the claimant taking all his allega-

tions on oath and warning him against any

money transaction whatever in the District in future

7. In answer to your reference on the sub-

ject of customs to be paid by the baker of the

Garrison wheats for its use you will inform the

officer Commanding that the Wartecks who supplied

wheat to the Baker previous to the disturbance

in the South paid the regular duties always

that no exemption can be allowed of the regular

duties to the Baker who has for the last six

months only been the importer but that if

any exaction over & above the established customs

payable by the Wartecks be demanded or taken

every possible redress shall be given the Baker

I am

Sir

Dindigul

your very obed^t Servt

13th Novr 1805

(Signed) M. Hardis

Col

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List of Prisoners of Nuttum Pollam

Chinna Meenummah	Mother of the Late Poligar of Nuttum
Lutchumumah	Wife of ditto
Mootoo Linga naig	Curta naiques son cousin to Late Poligar of Nuttum.
Lingummah	Slave of Chinna Meenummah
Saravana Perimall	Late ~~Poligar~~ Sumprety of Nuttum
Nulla Aulagah Valen Coomaun Chocken Vejeah Pylneyandy Chava Paramall	Wooligars of Nuttum Pollam

Total 12.

Major R. Warne
Comg. Dindigul

Sir

The troubles in the Nuttum Pollam being quieted – in which the above named Prisoners were said (but as it has appeared without direct proof) to be implicated and as they can give full or sufficient security for their appearance if required – I beg the favor you to pass them over to the Cutwal who will bring them to me – that steps may be taken for their release –

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr

Dindigul
14 Novr. 1801

John Thursby Esqre
Paymaster &c

Sir

Herewith you will receive bill for articles supplied the detachments in your line No 1 amounting to St. Pagodas 3558. 11. 49 accompanied by the necessary Vouchers -

2 - No 2 - is copy of order from Lieut. Coll. Agnew for Cully Chukriems 2000 -

3 - No 3 - is account of sums paid for the use of the detachment under authority of Lieut Coll. Innes for St. Pags. 68 - 29 - 66 -

4 - No 4 - is account particular of sums advanced & rice issued to wood Cutters sent with Lieut Coll. Innes according to date specified - these have no reference or relation to those serving with Lieut Coll. Agnew whose accounts so soon as made up - I will forward to you -

5 - For all these Items I beg an immediate order on your agent - the Cash he may pay me I shall readvance to your department directly -

6 - I have to desire bills for the 80000 SP advanced to him some days since - and to request that

that you will in future transmit me bills on receipt of the Invoice as much delay happens to my business from such delay in your office. –

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Dindigul
18th Novr. 1801

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

William Jones Esqr.
Subtreasurer &c.

Sir

Enclosed I send you two Bills Dated 15th Novr. 1801 No. 132 for Star Pagodas (2815. 44. 29) two thousand eight hundred & fifteen fan. forty four & Cash twenty nine advanced from the Dindigul treasury & another No. 133 for St. Pagodas (4882. 12. 22.) four thousand eight hundred & eighty two fan. twelve & Cash twenty two advanced from the Madura treasury both by the Madura Paymaster on the military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue –

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Dindigul
18th Novr. 1801 – 5

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

George Garrow Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

according to the orders of the Board dated 28th Septr. I beg to forward — Estimate of Probable collections to the 30th April and of the charges to the same date —

2 — I also forward an abstract estimate of the probable revenue of the year to 12th July from the Madura provinces —

I have the honor to be
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Dindigul
Novr. 20th 1801 5

(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esqre.
Sub Collector
Bhavani

Sir

I send you the third of a sett of bills by the Madura Paymaster for St. Pags. 35000 thirty five thousand — on the Military Pay=master General in favor of you for the revenue of the district north of the Noyel —

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your letter of 17th reached me the moment the bills came – I return those to the Comg. officer & Mr. Thursby the latter having agreed to take the Coins – I directed Issue to be made —

I have the honor to be

Dindigul &c. &c. &c.

23d. Novr. 1801 (signed) W. B. Hurdis Collr.

The first & second of the sett are with the shroff –

Lieut. Col. Agnew

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Having carried every point with the Auncoor Colleries the Detachement under Capt. Smith is not any longer necessary on any business in that quarter

I have the honor to be

Colapollam &c. &c. &c.

24th. Novr. 1801.

William Oliver Esqr President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Previous to this survey I have had the honor of addressing your Board on the subject of it and tho' I anxiously hope it may meet a favorable reception I have my fears that my request may yet be deemed —

2 It is that an Assistant Surgeon may be attached to me in my collectoral capacity the reason heretofore assigned for non compliance was from the want of Assistant Surgeons for the Survey Detachment but as that is now broke up I hope one may be spared for me —

3 The many Deaths among those under me is chiefly attributable to the want of timely medical assistance and when it is known to your Board that I am always save when at Dindigul more than 45 miles from the possibility of assistance in case of need — and even then the probability of its not being possible to afford it me from the nearest garrison is to be looked to — I trust to be excused urging my request

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request

4 The Climate I am obliged to move in near the mountains is extremely injurious - and the Survey boys have been alter-nately down with fevers & Dysentaries since my last -

5 The following up the benevolent plan of innoculation can only be made succesful among the natives by due atten-tion to it in the first instance as well as instruction to such Bramin practitioners as will attend to it - I have from the readiness particularly expressed by my head Servants - to begin with their own children - if attention be regularly paid them throughout the progress of the disorder - every reason to think I can carry the wishes of Government completely into effect - if the means be allowed me - and I hope this as well as the self consideration which induces this request will procure a favorable recommendation from your Board for its being complied with -

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect -

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Colapollam
25th November 1801 -

Charles Carpenter Esqr.

Comr. Resident

Sir Coimbatore

I have received advice of a sett of bills for Star Pags. 2118/7 being drawn by the Secy. to Government on my treasury in your favor — I have to inform you that my treasury is at this time unable to answer the bill — as soon as I can pay the cash I will send you information

I am Sir

Madura &c. &c.

4th Decr. 1801 (signed) W. Hurdis

Collr.

4th Decr. 1801

Dear Sir

I have many of the Nabobs coins of different sorts — and some stone — will it be agreeable for you to receive them into the [illegible] — and when will it be convenient?

Very Sincerely yours

Dear Sir

(signed) W. Hurdis

Major R. Munro

Dindigul

Sir

I have to request you will be so good as send under a trusty and sufficient guard the Carmather & Anjukotty Collar Chiefs to Madura.

2. As these people are proceeding to Lieut. Col. Agnew the guard will be relieved at Madura.

3. I have to request that the most explicit and strict orders may be given to the officer in charge of them to prevent their escape as they are prisoners of the first consequence to the peace of the country.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Madura

December 1801

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

List of Prisoners to be sent to Madura

Carmather Andiappah

Shodamoyan his son

Anjukotty Chinna Collaru

(signed) W. Hurdis

To David Brown Esqr

Nuron

Sir

I have received your letter of the 20th Ulto and its enclosure — Viz a bond from the Nuron Zemindar for six ~~hundred~~ thousand Rupees — not bearing interest — and the report of the present state of the cane plantation

2 Previous to any answer on the subject of the Board I beg to know specifically — if the sum of 1500 was or was not any part of the advances to the ryots for the purchase of cattle, ploughs &c for the carriage of cane to the works — and which was to be accounted for by them in the settlement for the price of their cane —

3 I am sorry you have cause to fear a falling off in the produce of the cane — but as the business of planting rests with the ryots — and as attended to will be productive of profit or loss to them — I do not feel myself authorised to interfere with them in the business —

I am Sir

&c &c

Madura

Decr 1811

(signed) Ths. Henderson

Collr

To David Brown Esqre

Nerva

Sir

1. I have received your letter of the 20th Ulto and its enclosures — Viz: a bond from the Nerva Renters for six ~~hundred~~ thousand rupees — well bearing interest — and the report of the present state of the cane plantation

2. Previous to any measures on the Subject of the Bond I beg to know specifically — if the sum it contains was or was not — any part of the advances to the ryots for the purchase of cattle &c &c for the carriage of cane to the works — and which is not to be accounted for by them in the settlement for the price of their cane —

3. I am sorry you have cause to fear a falling off in the produce of the cane — but as the business of planting rests with the ryots — and is attended to with the provision of profit in lieu to them — I do not feel myself authorised to interfere with them in the business —

I am Sir

&c &c

Madura

[illegible] Decr 1801 —

(signed) Wm Hurdis

Collr

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Lieut Col. Dyce

Comg.

Madura

Sir

I have to request that you will be pleased to direct a relief to a party under Lieut Mann in charge of prisoners of great consequence —

2 — The present detail with Lieut Mann

Sub. Jem. Hav. Nk. Sepoys.
is 1. 1. 2. 4. 50 —

3 I have further to request you to direct a strong and sufficient Guard to be in readiness to conduct prisoners according to the undermentioned list to Lieut Col. Agnew — & as they are chiefs of great notoriety — and whose security is most essential to the peace of the country — I have to beg the favor of you to give the most explicit and direct orders to the officer who may be in charge to prevent the possibility of their escape —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madura

Decr. 9th. 1801 —

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

List of Prisoners to be sent to Lieut Col. Agnew

Carmuttror Andiapah } father
Shedamoyen } Son

Arepully Chinna Culliana
tewer

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Lieut. Coll. Agnew
&c. &c.

Sir

By the guard bearing this I send Carnatteer Ancoopa tawen Chacemayen Arcpultey Chinna Cullcana tawen the aneoor naud chiefs who joined the murdoos — If their crimes do not deserve death I hope you will take means ~~[illegible]~~ to prevent their ever returning to molest this country — their absence from it being of the most essential consequence to its security —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.

Madura
9th Decr. 1801 —

(signed) Wm. Muroes
Coll.

John Wallace Esqr.
Collector at
Trichinopoly

Sir

I transmit [illegible] copy of letter from [illegible] Cudoor Commanded [illegible] [illegible] on the subject of their [illegible] which I [illegible] to request may be rendered up to them [illegible] form —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.

Madura
(signed) Wm. [illegible]

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Col. Smith Esqr.

Civil Auditor

Sir

I beg to transmit accounts of the district under my management the delay in transmission has originated from the death of my chief accountant -

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Madura

[illegible] Decr. 1801 - 5

signed W. Hurdis
Collr.

Received from [illegible] the prisoners in his charge from Dindigul to Madura -

Viz Carmuttoor andiapah.

Shadumogen

[illegible] Chinna Cullana Taven

Madura

[illegible] Decr. 1801 - 5

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

George Garrow Esq.re
Secy. to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

I beg you will be so good as to substitute the accompanying D. C. K. for November in place of the one sent a few days since as that was [illegible] now rectified — I beg also that the wrong one may be returned to me —

I am Sir
&a. &a.

Madura
9th Decr. 1801 —

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Robert Woolf Esq.re
Accountant General

Sir

Herewith be pleased to receive the State=ment shewing the probable balance of cash in [illegible] on the 30th instant —

I have the honor to be
&a. &a.

Madura
12th Decr. 1801 —

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

George Garrow Esq.re
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

I beg leave to enclose account particulars of remittance of Coins to the Board of Revenue according to Order. and [illegible] to request authority for the admission of them in Accounts.

I am Sir
your obedient Servant

Madura
18th Decr. 1801.

(Signed) W. Hurdis
Collector

William Petrie Esqre

President & Members
of the Board of
Revenue —

Gentlemen —

I was yesterday honored
with the commands of
your Board — dated the
3 2th inst —

2 — The hope that
my exertions for the
tranquillity of the pro-
vinces under my manage-
ment would in conjunc-
tion with the Military
be successful was a
certain incitement to
them — and the Rejoicing
at the success that has
established the Supremacy
of the British in the North, on a more
solid footing than before
that an additional
pleasure at the appro-
bation your Board

have been pleased to
record of my conduct

3 – It also afforded me
great satisfaction to find
I have so far as practica
-ble anticipated the
orders of the Board
by opening the greater
part of the fastnesses
in the ~~country~~ Dindigul
~~Valley~~ district – but
a constant care is
necessary to keep them
open – as the jungle
which generally grows
near them and forms
the crop is chiefly of
succulent trees & thorns
both of which unless
~~[illegible]~~ rooted out require
a yearly cutting –

4 – The fastnesses
which are laid [illegible]
to Nature and every
thing told both in the
Dindigul district &
among the western
Pollams have been

destroyed - every bridge in Virupatchee - Debi- & Jellepurtty - whether of Stone or Wood work have been completely ruined

5. - I have upwards of fourteen months since caused roads to be cut in the most favorable directions throughout all the country to the Westward under me. and also from Dindigul to the Persiam - in the hills of the Valley on the Travancore bounds - roads have been made through the Dindigul hills - and I believe there is now not one part of those hills that possess any other strength than what arises from the amazing precipices and detached rocks ~~made~~ the works of nature.

6. - I have already attended to ~~stopping all~~ ordering

from your [illegible] excep
the heirs of the Polygars
and the lands they hold
and the tenure on which
held — — a separation
of their interests from the
Polygar is extremely diffi-
cult as these lands are
more literally in [illegible] for
[illegible] — they pay not
one cash of rent for them
— and receive as batta
one measure of grain
per diem if called to
serve by the chief —
7 — This description
is different from what
forms the custom —
the Ryots of the Zemindars
are bound to [illegible]
— the peons are [illegible]
— the Ryots have that
attachment to their soil
that weakens their desire
to serve the chief in
enterprizes against the
Government — these peop
are detached from the
Polygar by his [illegible]

or attached by his good-
their casts are various -
and their tie towards the
Poligar ~~[illegible]~~ assured are
strengthed according to the
mode of management
observed towards them

8 - Those who compose
the Peons of almost every
Pollam - are chiefly of
the cast of the Poligar
himself - or of his Obli-
=carious / slaves of the House,
and their dependants -
amongst whom are effec-
=tually included the two
Casts of Valleirs and
Opoliers - their distinction
I have not been able to
understand - but their
fidelity has ever been
unquestionable - nor
do I conceive it possible
to detach them from
their Master but by
proving to him their
disuse - which I think
only to be done by taking
from his interest in taking
rents for those lands now

exposed for the support of that pride & state which a more heavy imposition of further tax would necessitate him to relinquish

9 — This as a measure originating from the chief would operate to their diminution - and the discovering the country would force a compliance with the plan - so that even to secure their attachment by consulting their interest in granting their lands in perpetuity for what is meant only to mark dependence would in my opinion give the decisive blow to the existence of the feudal government in ~~they~~ truth so long obnoxious to the true interests of all concerned in - It does not appear to me that by inducing this measure from the chieftain towards his own people

under the Idea of his
paying a greater assessment
and then fixing that
assessments [with the Inam lands] — As a mark
of favor to them can be
considered as a mark
of injustice to the Polygar
because the settlement
of this country resting with
the Sirkar — the Sirkar
has the means of compen-
sating the ~~[illegible]~~ Polygar if it be
thought right — but when
it is remembered that
the assessment whatever
it be, is so much more
to the aggregate — than
what it was — and that
the measure ~~in fact~~
affects the power ~~[illegible]~~ not
~~the~~ the interests of the
Polygar — true Policy in
my opinion leaves no
room for hesitation —

11 — Your Board

direct the granting land
[illegible] the title and for ready
clears to the parties
allowing them for a
small nominal quit
rent for a period of
ten years certain and

them to fix the full rent at 25 per Cent of the gross produce at the average price of grain for the past ten years —

12 — The chief objections to this plan are the want of population in the villages near the Hills —

2ndly — the probable great falling off of Revenue, if lands were offered at a rent less than the average Teerwa of their villages to persons now holding lands of the Sircar —

3rdly — the extreme unhealthiness of the places that it would be proper to clear to prevent their becoming natural fastnesses —

4thly The prejudice the Ryots have in favor of the spots their families and themselves are accustomed to —

Vide Para 5

13 — Think on these objections so insuperable not only as regarding those now holding land, who have made the roads before noted — but even as regarding those people (the Kabobi Leapss) you ~~Board are so anxious to provide for — and whose conduct I shall make the subject of a separate address~~ whose conduct I shall make the subject of a separate address, you Board are so anxious to provide for —

14 — But in preference to that these objections they leave to submit, the propriety of taxing the villages in which these roads are situated with from four to four-teen days labour in the year according to necessity, — at the time their attendance on their fields is unnecessary — and that compensation

be made to the work
men - from the Mohtur-
-fa of the province
or talook ~~[illegible]~~ in which the
work be done - The
Mohturfa would be
no exaction - but it
would be diverted from
private individuals
to answer the public
purpose for which
Merchants and Travellers
have usually bestowed
it - but which from
disuse has been generally
kept by the Landlords
~~[illegible]~~ and is now
claimed as a right by
those people - but with
none other plea in such
but their long unin-
-terrupted Mamool

15 - Should this
suggestion meet the
consideration of Your
Board I shall be most
happy to put it in
practice -

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16 — The prohibition respecting Arms has been proclaimed very frequently ever since I have had charge of the Dindigul province — Since the war ~~they~~ persons never have been suffered to carry them — they have been invariably seized and destroyed — Search has been made, and is making in every part and the numbers brought in — ~~[illegible]~~ both as discovered by my people — and as delivered in under former proclamations of reward authorised by your Board have been very considerable —

17 — A vast of these =ses ~~Lands~~ produced near ~~three~~ thousand stand of different sorts — all are destroyed — Arms are daily coming in from Terinnerphum Shelbu

which are destroying as they come in — the vigilance exercised has already produced a discontinuance of them with travellers and I have every reason to hope the Dindigul and western districts will remain in that tranquil state as to render all unnecessary

18 — I have now to request the attention of your Board to a circumstance which causes great trouble & confusion in the Madura country — viz the ~~[illegible]~~ pretentions of the Poligars over the country over which they pretend to the right of cawel and their paying that tribute to the Collector Lushington that would for the sake of the country be better

transferred to Ramnad
19 — the Circar Collectors have made great distinctions among the inhabitants and though redress practicable has been had yet it is submitted to your Board that the collection of every description of Revenue should be in the hands of the servants of one rather than the servants of two Collectors —
20th to ascertain the fees on this account the Curnams of the villages have been ordered in but the Polygars holding the Circar have impressed (?) prevented them coming alledging they had not an order — hence business is stayed — demands are unsatisfied and an evasive & equivocal conduct is encouraged —

21 — In addition to this grievance another of magnitude is to be noted — viz the usurpation of lands & of Villages from the Southern talooks of Madura — by the Poligars during the last fourteen years very much to the detriment of Govern=ment in Southern =cies

22. — I have privately written Mr Lushington on the propriety of the Madura Poligars being attached to my Collection for the good of the country — He has admitted it ~~and is~~ but not officially — yet I have every reason to be sure if your Board approve of the same — for he will have no hesitation in

making it — and I
have every reason to
think that when made
the country will be
the better for it — I
shall be obliged by
an early answer to the
request — as the former
remedy for Madras
although proceeding
in every other respect satis-
factorily is impeded
by the want of regula-
rity in that which
must be made for the
vessel fees —

23 The oppression of
the former Governments
had induced the chief
part of the inhabitants
of the country as well
for security against the
Government, as against
the predatory warfare
of the others to seek
for refuge within the
walls of Madras — the
numbers increased so as
to depopulate villages
and as well from the

circumstance, as from
entirely neglecting culti-
-vation — a very conside-
-rable decrease of Revenue
has been the consequence

24 — These two causes
altho true, are ~~altho~~
~~[illegible]~~ what really
in the first instance
produced the deficiency
have yet been hurtful
to the emigrants in
greater
proportion than they have
been unproductive
to the Sirkar —

25 — Such of the lands
left were badly cultiva-
-ted — and even the rents
of those lands that were
so cultivated were diminish-
because the Cultivator
lived at too great a
distance from his village
and did those other labo-
-urs which he ought to
have done by himself
— This act was a plea
for reduction of rent
and that plea was

most generally admitted—

26 — An artificial scarcity was frequently the effect of this contract — an increase of price on every commodity of life always — to remedy as far as practicable these serious inconveniences I established Bazaars in different parts of the districts — which have had the full effect of affording comforts to the inhabitants and those comforts at a much lower rate than heretofore —

27 — To enable the inhabitants to return to and re-people their villages as well as to establish on a more firm footing the markets already fixed — assistance from the Sirkar will be necessary and in the certainty of making this country infinitely more productive than ~~any as yet~~ in ~~almost~~ any period und-

the Mussulman Govern-
ment — Request to
be allowed five thou
sand rupees — to ~~[illegible]~~
use in advances for
these purposes explain
ed — recoverable accord
ing to the condition of
the Ryots or Pettecks — from one
to two years — and I
hope the acquiescence
of your Board ~~[illegible]~~
to this advance will
thereby enable me to
enter on what must
be productive to Gover
-nment and of great
utility & ease to the inhabi
-tants —

I have the honor
to be with the greatest
respect

Gentlemen
Your very obedient
humble Serv.
[signature]

Madura
Decr 20th
1802

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Robert Wadley Esqr
Accountant General

Sir

In obedience to your desire commu-
nicated under date 10th Decr by the Deputy
Finance — I transmit you Estimate
of Probable Receipts and Payments
in the province of Madura from
the time of its cession to the Company
to the 30th April 1802 —

2 — The account Receipts is
made up from the accounts for the
last fusly from the Nabobs Aumildar
— the account "Expected Payments"
shows what is already estimated
and partly paid and how what
is likely to be paid —

3 — I would have wished to have
delayed the transmission of this State
=ment until my Jumma for Madura
had been fixed — persuaded that what
would then have been sent would
have in every respect proved
more satisfactory — I hope a very
short time will enable me to

forward it – but until completed I do not think it right to touch on it: –

4 – My letter of the 31st January 1801 – ~~[illegible]~~ assigned reasons why it was not in my power to be sufficiently accurate in the probable estimate of receipts & disbursements furnished the 10th of every month – viz the Commissariat not being furnished

5 – The same reasons apply at this moment – only in a more extended manner – as the great backwardness of the season in the conquered countries has as yet prevented the finishing the accounts on which the revenue is fixed –

6 – This tho impeding the regular business of account – does not entirely stay collection – and that there may be as little trouble as possible – I wish with your permission to furnish a memorandum of the aggregate collection – to shew

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the cash in hand until by fixing
the jumma on each village
~~the accounts become regular~~ and (under
the aggregate ~~+~~ [permanently] revenue respectively
the accounts become regular –

I have the honor to be
Madura
26th Dec
1805
Sir
Your very Obedient
Humble Servt
[illegible]

To Lieut Colonel Agnew
&c &c &c

Sir

Your letter dated 26th instant I
received late last night.

2nd

Previous to the receipt thereof I had
received the proclamation of the 1st December in letter from
the Board dated 11th instant to which I gave full publicity
in the Dindigul districts according to instructions I re-
ceived in letter from the Board accompanying the procla-
mations were issued on the 21st the Boards letter was
received the 17th

3rd

As the instructions in the Boards
letter

letter to me respecting the purposes to which collected
arms are to be applied differ very materially from the
mode you have mentioned in the order you sent me copy of
to cause them to be sent weekly to the officer commanding
I must not comply with your request in making them
now refer the Subjects. 4th Para. Had I received any notice
from you of an intended reduction in the price of Pikes
previous to my publication of the Government proclama-
tion I would have made it - but I do not apprehend
any manufactory will be the consequence - the encouragement
to informers - and the great difficulty of getting Iron
being obstacles not easily overcome - Superadded to this
it will not be difficult to discover the maker and
check by timely and appropriate punishment - the
fraud they might intend - I apprehend the Object is to
disarm rather than the Pike - and for the Object -
I confess I do not think the price too great -

5th I send you a return of the arms of
the Madura district taken and destroy by my people -
the Matchlocks were paid for under an old order at the
rate of two Rupees each and those only that were given
in by the discharged peons -

6th As yet I have not published the
proclamations in Madura - but I will do it as you
desire - under the reservation mentioned in my third
Paragraph - which will not impede the intention

of

of Government to which I will give any thing
to make the whole efficient –

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Madura
9th Dec
1801 –

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieut. Colonel James Innes
&c &c &c

Sir

I have great pleasure in transmitting the accompanying Extract respecting the disposal of the Personal property of the rebellious Poligars –

2 – Pursuant to the Spirit of the authority I have to request you will – on the authority of ~~them to request~~ detachment, inform me to whom the money & property is to be delivered – that being furnished with proper powers, the whole may be rendered accordingly

3 I send also copy of the statement sent to the Board – the details are in Hinduwee – Collections have been made of part of the outstanding Balance – the accounts are

sent

sent for & when received I will forward them to you —

4 I have also in my hands two hundred & seven Rag. the force of an Elephant I purchased at outcry in Camp to add to the amount in the statement —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madura
Decr. 30th 1801 —

(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Lieut. Colonel Innes
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I duly received your favor & inclosures of the 22d —

2 The only possible reason for keeping your detachment in the field would be with the view of carrying into effect the order of Govt. in their proclamation of the 1st inst. but as I apprehend a much smaller force (if any be necessary) would effect that point — I see no reason to require the further assistance of the detachment —

3 ——— I have every reason to think the arms generally of the province with the exception of

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of those possessed by the poligars have been seized —
and I have every hope those remaining with the poligars
will be given up without much trouble for the reward
offered by Government in their Proclamation of the
1st inst. published by me on the 21st.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Madura
30th Decr. 1801. (Signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Lieut. Colonel Agnew
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

In my letter of the 29th inst. I forgot to notice
the part of your order of the 26th which says the
tahseeldars and other revenue servants have received
instructions to pay the proprietors of arms the prices
stated in the annexed proclamation on delivery —

2. I have found it necessary for several years
past to prohibit any disbursement whatever from any
talook Cacharee treasury — and as I could not either in
consistency with former orders or without great dis-
-arrangement in matters regarding revenue enforce your
order — I have directed the tahseeldars to pass
their receipts for arms directing the holders of those
receipts to proceed to my Cacharee for payment —
according to what is specified in the proclamation —

— this

— this will not impede the Service in any respect
whatever — nor cause any difficulty in the receipt
to the holders —

I have the honor to be

Madura &c &c &c

31st Decr 1801 (signed) W. Hurdis

Collr

William Petrie Esqr President
&c members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I was duly honored with the comms
of your Board dated 10th covering Proclamation
of Government dated the 1st instt. I circulated
it in the Dindegul province under date 21st

2 — On the 29th instt I received the

e

2 accompanying letter and Do from Lieut Coll Agnew

04 to which I returned the answer copy now sent
and this morning the subsequent dated letter —

3 I certainly conceived the instru
ctions to myself clear & explicit and I followed
them — your Board will gather from my
letter to Lieut Coll Agnew my reasons for
not wholly acceding to his request —

I know not of any other measures to be adopted than those directed - and tho' the price of the Pike considered as such only is great - yet I am sure the estimate object is more likely to be effected by paying more for it - than by reducing the price -

I know of no arms that have ever been delivered out to any Poligar under my authority and those of the discharged Sibbendy have been delivered into the Cutchery and paid for -

6 - - - In addition to the list of arms seized in the Madura Province sent the 29th to Lieut. Coll. Agnew I send a return of those since seized and one head shewing the grand total - previous to the publication of the proclamation dated 1st inst.

7 - - - - The orders of your Board respecting the appropriation of the Arms shall be minutely attended to as well every other direction respecting the settlement with the Poligars & their ryots - tho' the season is I fear too far advanced this year for the project to have full effect.

Vide Board's letter dated 11th

I have the honor to be with respect ——— Gentlemen &c. &c. &c.

Madura
31st Dec. 1801 - 5

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

William Petrie Esqre. President
&c members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

— In reply to the commands of your Board under date 16th inst. I have to say — in answer to Paragraph the 1st respecting remittance through Soucar that I have never heard of one with whom I could trust one thousand Pagodas and that I am certain since dealings in the Southern Countries have been done away — that no security for a remittance could be given —

2 — In reply to the 2d paragraph respecting the exchange of the coins of the district into S Pagodas & rupees progressively sending them to the presidency — I hold this plan wholly impracticable — the Star Pagoda being little else than a nominal coin — and the rupees forming too inconsiderable a portion of revenue to make the transport desirable after the current Military and district expences are provided for —

3 ——— The time the escort might be going to the presidency — would be from twenty three to twenty nine days — the charge of the transit would be to each Gollapean

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one Pagoda ℔ mile — exclusive of batta for his expence at the rate of Sepoys — the batta for the escort would depend on its strength — & as the collector concerns the officer into whose charge the bags are to be delivered and who furnishes the guard wholly responsible for its safety he never presumes to say how many the escort should be composed of

4 —— The only means for realizing the Surplus cash at the Presidency appear to me — to be from the purchase of such articles in these districts as would find a quick sale and direct return at Madras — this mode whilst benefiting the treasury at Madras — would give stability to revenue by keeping up the proper & necessary Circulation of coin in the districts — the deficiency of which from the extreme heavy drafts on the country — without any return — will in my opinion be proved by the falling off of collection from the scarcity of Specie —

I have the honor to be with great respect —

Gentlemen

&c &c &c

Madura

31st Decr 1801 —

(signed) Wm. Hurdis
Collr

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Lieut. Coll. Agnew

(3 in Drury) &c &c &c

Sir

I have received your letter of the 31st ult.

2 The proclamation you sent me is published in all the Madura talooks - and I dare say will be effective -

3 The arms according to the returns I sent you have arrived at my Cacharee or I wrote you - and totally destroyed by fire in my presence - I deem the object too important to take the report of any native on the subject - and have always directed their being brought in to me -

4 Since writing you on the 29th I have had information of between six & seven thousand near of all sorts - chiefly pikes - they are hourly coming in to my Cacharee - but as these were seized on the publication of the procla-mation none are paid for - the only sums I have paid are for matchlocks & musquets delivered in by my discharged Sebbundy

5 The check I establish is personal inspection - either by myself or my assistant

6 With deference to your opinion I conceive - that whilst the natives of all descriptions - call weapons should be seized

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and as the General term of arms gave them the
Idea — that all they considered such were
to be delivered over the Collery sticks were sent
in — there does not appear according to my
Ideas of the return any description that w
be granted to the inhabitants save w
register — and it is trouble to take th
to register them —

7. In future however I sha
any remarks to weapons of the
see nature — and you shall ha
either from me or the officer la
directed

8 ——— . If the party under
at Amior are not then to rec
al order from you — I tho
be better at Toramcourche
them too far from the dist

9 ——— I shall direct
Poligar & Comarawady
Garrison — those of all o
I have
&c

Madura
Jany 2d (signe
1802.

...a Drury

Stephen Lushington Esqr

&c &c

Sir

The annexed Extract I have the honour to enclose for your information — — In consequence of the inconvenience you state to arise ...our management of madura from the ... being subject to a separate authority ...ten have been sent off to the Collector ...them Durheuch to transfer them to you ... delay — you will accordingly loose ... in taking charge of them.

— I have in consequence directed ...dance here —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Wh. Hurdis

Collr

...Wm Butler

Fort adjutant

Trichinopoly

...e pleasure of enclosing you Bill for ...bsistence for the current month ...you write herewith ...
...e

To William Petrie Esqre [illegible] 1802 1
Recd [illegible] 12 Feb 1802
President & Members of the 77
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In Obedience to your Order I have the honor of forwarding Account of the Sepoys employed under the late Government with the amount pay and arrears received by them from the Company together with explanations annexed —

The extreme intricacy of these as well as other Accounts of the late Government added to the time and Attention necessarily occupied in the more important investigation of the Accounts of the Country must plead my apology for not having transmitted them at an earlier period

The particulars of the Accounts are extremely long & tedious I have therefore deferred sending them unless it may be found necessary —

I have the honor of Submitting further the Claims of the Cacharee and other Sibbundy of the Nabob & the Renter, to payment of Arrears, which appears to be correct amounting in the whole to Cally

favored speedily with your Orders on the subject —

With Regard also to the Tukseer or Stoppage as far to Mutseddies and Contingent expences I must beg to be informed whether the amount shall be appropriated as heretofore which appears necessary to be done in my opinion since if it be withheld from the Mutseddies it must be paid to the Troops from whose pay the Stoppage made. —

I am sorry to inform your Board that the indulgence of Government held out to the Sepoys of the Nabob in the accompanying copy and Translate of a proclamation offering them lands on the terms &c specified in the Boards letter of the 3rd December 1801 — has through a Spirit of opposition and perverseness been rejected by them —

Though their previous behaviour was such as to deprive them of all claim to this indulgence and though my assistant had by my orders notified the purport of the Proclamation twice, and had received the answer of the officers (copy) and translate of which accompanies) I still endeavoured to impress them myself with a better sense

of their interest in explaining to them more
particularly the nature of the indulgence t[...]
this however they have given a positive ref[...]
and have made a demand for pensions or
transfer to the Battalions of the Company
in the situation of Jemadars &c held by [...]
under the late Government a demand tha[...]
cannot be acceded to when their disgraceful
conduct during the late troubles is reverted [...]

Their conduct is still more
improper as it tends to influence the dep[...]
to a spirit of perverseness which though th[...]
must in the end give way to necessity
is at present rather obstructive of the good inte[...]
of Government

Many of the Askars and
Sibbendy are ready to receive the Cowle wh[...]
I am now about granting

I must request the Speedy
authority of your Board for the Management
of this Province for want of it the ac[...]
are delayed and creates considerable distr[...]
amongst the servants who have had but [...]
small advances made to them in part of
their pay

I have the hon[...]
&c &c
(Signed) [illegible]

Madura
10th January 1802

To John W. Thursby Esqr.

Paymaster

Sir Madura
For the advance of Twelve thousand Star Pags.
(12000) made to your Department on the 10th. Inst. your ser:
vants Delivered your Bills yesterday only as this delay mate:
rially abstracts the Progress of my accounts I have to request I
may in future be furnished with Bills on the 11th of every mon
th for the amount of your indents since the Recurrence of the
Delay noticed will oblige me make it a suspect of reference

Madura I have the honor to be Sir
20th. Jany. 1802 &c. &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Colr.

S. R. Lushington Esqr.
Colr. Tinnavelly
Sir

Sir For want of the necessary accounts belonging to
the Madura Poligars it is different to fix the Demand of his tu pon
Them. I shall be obliged by your Furnishing me as soon as
Possible with Copies of the amounts obtaining previously to the
Transfer of these Chiefs to my authority. I have the honor to be
Madura &c. &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
21st. Jany. 1802 Colr.

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No. To H: Colhoun Esqr.
Dindigul.

Sir I have the pleasure of forwarding to you extract of Letter from the Board of Revenue on the subject of Inoculation should Be you wish to use your endeavours to carry in to effect the Benevolent intentions of Government as far as depends on yourself in the District of Dindigul I shall be extremely happy to attend to any suggestion you may submit in of the undertaking principally with respect to the accommodations which shall be ~~[illegible]~~ in whatever spots you may Conceive most fit for the purpose.

The Proclamation alluded to in the first Para shall be Published throughout the District without loss of Time

I have the honor to be
(Signd) &c &c J. B. Hurdis
Collr

Madura
21st Janr 1797.

To ~~—~~ Taste Esqr.
Head Surgeon.
Madura.

Sir I have the pleasure of forwarding to you extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue, and have to request To be favored with your suggestions in what manner I can most ~~Efficially~~ Essentially assist your Endeavours in the Benevolent object of ~~inoculation~~ Inoculation.

as this season of the year is a ~~[illegible]~~ of supposed

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be favorable to the desire I shall be prepared to cont

correspondence immediately on your pointing out the

Spot which you may Conceive most fit for this purpose

Madura I have the honor to be

21st Jan 1802 (Signed) J. B. Hurd

Col.

To Wm Petrie Esqr

President & Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have herewith the honor of forwarding

Copy of Receipt of the Conductor of ordnance at the station

for the Arms and stores of the late Government delivered

to his charge – As the Circulation of your Board's orders

for prohibiting the manufacture of salt petre has effec-

tually suppressed the use of this article throughout the

Districts under my authority I have Considered it most

expedient to retain the Powder and Ball that

for the Stores for the Sibbendy in the Differ-

ent Talooks as well as for the protection of the

against the Elephants in Several of the Districts which

are ... at this season of the year ...

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which the Inhabitants (by the ~~late~~ loss of arms) are lately

Improvided. I have the honor to be &c &c

Madura
31st Janry 1802

(Signed) J. B. Hinde
Colo

To Captain Stewart
Fort adjutant
Trichinapoly

Sir,

Herewith you will be pleased to receive bill for 28 Star Pags on the Shroff Narsimmachetty for the subsistance of Vellaidi Naig for the month of February the receipts for which I request may be forwarded as quick as possible.

Madura
1st Feby 1802

I have the honor to be
(Signed) J. B. Hinde
Colo

To Wm Petry Esqr
President & members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentleman,

I have herewith the honor of for-warding a list of the Zemindars who ~~infirmage~~ from age Poverty and infirmity appear to be abjects worthy of the Char[illegible] to whom I have made the daily allow-

and

conformably to your Boards orders of the 9th Nov. Last

Madura I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
3. Feb. 1807. (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Coll.

To Lieut Coll. P. A. Agnew
Commanding
Southern Detachment

Sir
The Four Colleries sent by you and alluded To in your Letter to my assistant of 17th Oct. Last Having been since that Period kept in Confinement I request to be favored with your opinion what further steps shall be taken regarding them since If there be no serious charge against them, they may as well as Be released — I have the honor to be
Madura &c. &c.
4th Feb 1807 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Coll.

To Cecil Smith Esq.
Sub Auditor

Sir
Herewith be pleased to receive original affidavits of the Several Tahsildars and Sheristadars of the Talooks under my authority regarding the actual expenditure Price of the different articles of paper

&c. as noticed in the answers to audit of the 26
Last. I have the honor to be
Madura &c. &c. (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
6 Feby 1802 Coll.

Cecil Smith Esqr.

Civil Auditor

Sir

I have the Pleasure of sending the Accounts of the Districts under my charge — for the Month of December 1801. — I have the honor to be

&c &c

Madura (Signed) T. B. Hurdis

7th Jany 1802 Collector

Edward Campbell Esqr.

&c &c

Sir

Enclosed Statement Extract from the audit of my accounts —

2. —— you were informed to on the subject of the bills in May 1801 but I apprehend it escaped you to apply for them —

3 —— I request you will loose no time in procuring them — in the mean time I send you in the enclosed paper — copy of the bill — of your

in part and your Sheriff receipt
receipt for the remainder — which having examined be so good as sign them to make them Vouchers and return them to me —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Madura
14th Jany 1802.

(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Messieurs Oldham & Strachey — } Exe.rs to the will of the late Andrew Barclay Esqre.

Gentlemen

I transmit enclosed from the audit of my accounts —

2 I have to request you will be pleased to remit the amount retrenchment that the audit department may be satisfied

I am Gentlemen
&c. &c.

Madura
14th Jany 1802.

(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Cecil Smith Esqre.
Civil Auditor

Sir

Annexed you will receive answer to your Retrenchments on my accounts as transmitted to me under date 27 Novr. 1801 —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.

Madura
26th Jany 1802.

(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

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P. S. The Vouchers alluded to from the Collect=
=dors & Sunthadars in answer to No. 10 & 11 having
in two instances been found erroneous were returned
to the Talooks for alteration they are not yet
arrived at the Cutcherry but the Collector will
forward them with the abstract so soon
as they arrive — the time does not admit of his
waiting longer —

(signed) Wm. Harris

To
William Petrie Esqr.
President &c. members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

As repeated representations have been
made by the Commercial Resident at Salem where he
finds it necessary to employ the Weavers residing in
the districts under my authority that the Company's
Cloth conveyed through them to his territory is detain=
=ed at the different Chokees for payment of the duties
upon such manufactures which is productive of
considerable delay and having hitherto been unable to
obviate this complaint I have been induced to make
the present reference for your directions on the subject.

2 As any orders for passing indiscrimi=
=nately the Cloth which may be said by those who
bring it to be for the Company may open a door to
frauds on the Syr revenue — the only way that
appears

appears to me likely to save trouble and delay would be for the commercial Resident to furnish my Cacharee with the number of the Looms & names of the weavers in each Village which he may employ, upon a reference to which the necessary orders can be issued for exempting the produce of the Looms as long as they shall be so employed —

3 ——— Should any increase of investment increase the number of Looms in any Village or vice versa the necessary information to preclude the possibility of delay may be given to the Cachar[ee]

I have the honor to be with great respect —

Gentlemen

&c &c

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Coll.

Madura
28th Jany 1802

To

Lieutt. Coll. Agnew
Commanding Southern detachmt.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding for your information abstract Weekly Collection &c of Arms collected in the districts under me up to the 25th Instant —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Madura
31st Jany 1802

No 1. 91 92

Charles Carpenter Esqre

Comml Resident

Salem

Sir,

The Cash directed to be paid to You part of the Coimbatore Investment ready whenever you send your Shroff to Dindigul for it — the necessary escort from Dindigul to the Coimbatore Factory can be provided at Dindigul.

You will be pleased to send the sets of bills (three) as I have been lately much inconvenienced by receiving one only — should you not have them I request they may be obtained ere you send for the Money as the bill alone can be considered as a voucher.

I have the honor to be

Sir

&c &c

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collr.

Madura

Feby 1st 1802

No 2 22

Edward Campbell Esqr.
Karical

Sir,

Your favor of the 22nd Jany bearing post mark 24th reached me at this place 28th.

2 My letter to you of the 9th Novr last informed you of my receipt of your letters of 25th August and the 28th October — that I have written on the deficiency of the Cowries planted and directed them to be made up to the extent of the agreement and that I had sent the answers of the Bramins & Ryots on the subject of Balances to Mr Brown.

3 The 5th Paragraph of my letter dated 9th Novr to Mr Brown I beg to transcribe — "I am extremely sorry that you feel cause for complaint against the Village People for their want of attention to the Culture of the Cane & the Indigo so as I do not conceive myself warranted in any interference with their Cultivation but particularly

particularly in what would increase their own labour and expense without being in their opinion compensated by extraordinary profits –

4 ——— I am particular in noting this as you say Mr Brown stated that he had received my answer objecting to his request because I was not certain that the additional trouble would be rewarded by additional advantage to them;

5 ——— This infers that I had a right to interfere which I never supposed to possess – and the reason assumed as my reason for now interference circumstance applies to what in that paragraph I sent to him –

6 ——— Whether the Rupts &c have truely judged their own interest or not – I shall not discuss – It is evident from their own account they are dissatisfied and that their dissatisfaction proceeds from disappointment – the causes of which as regarding both parties are not yet ~~explicably~~ explicitly before me –

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7 —— Previously to the receipt of your letters and under date 10th instt — I had caused my assistant to suggest Mr. Brown the expediency of relinquishing the 39½ Cawnies stated as ruined — and as I have not heard any hesitation on the part of the Bramins I suppose the Matter settled —

8 With respect to the relinquish-ment of the canes planted in the Caroor district this year — it is necessary that you have the consent of the ryots to ~~dispose~~ dissolve the agreement if that be obtain I do not know of any objection to your proposal —

9 —— The subject of the Bond for six hundred rupees from the Bramins of Neroor was referred to the Board — Extract of the Boards order was sent to Mr. Brown by my assistant under date 20th Jany — orders have been sent for its collection — and for the balance

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due on account of the advances both of which
as soon as realized shall be paid your order

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.

Madura
3d Feby 1802
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of sending orders on the different
villages of the Madacolum Talook for six hundred fifty
ships the remainder as soon as done shall be sent to you to
complete the thousand.

Madura
1st Feby 1802

Very obediently yours
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis

Dear Sir

Be so good as do the needful in signing the accompany
ing receipts for payment to the Poligars &c. for thousand
I am happy to say that the Grand total here
& at Dindigul make of sorts upwards of 6000 without
... &c. Sticks — your very obediently yours

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
5th Feby 1802

H. J. M. —

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Cecil Smith Esqre
Civil Auditor

Sir

I beg to send my accounts for Jany 1802

2 — The delay in transmission has been as unavoidable as vexatious — Stupidity in not drawing out the accounts right caused references to Madura for the accounts of that cacharee and sickness upheld in delay what stupidity had begun —

3 — I hope this will occasion no dela[y] to your office and I will in future endeavour to prevent the like happening again

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
4th Feby 1802 —

William Petrie Esqr. President
&a. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I beg leave to transmit the ... account particulars of expence incurred for the destruction of Rangyam & Collumbum Forts

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Cecil Smith Esqr. 103

Accountant General.

Sir

In acknowledgement of Mr. Deputy Travers letter dated 9th. Feby. I beg to enclose the Batta account for Nov. and to apologize for its delay which has happened from its being mislaid and entirely forgot.

I have the honor to be

Dindigul
17th. Feby 1802

Sir

your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) T B [illegible]
Colo.

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The earth and Stone composing the walls of
Trongyeem have filled the Ditch and have been
levelled as far as the practicability of the Situation
admitted - which being high harrows the app
=rance of round topped high Ground - no part
of the walls or bastions whatever is standing

3 Coleemaw is perfectly levelled with the
Ground - in every part.

4 The destruction of Carror is also going on
well - It will require near another Month to
complete.

5 I apprehend the demolition of Arrow-
courchy can not be so completely done as might
be necessary; the Walls are extremely thick and
high there is not any Ditch - and the throwing
down these walls from their present site and but
making a convenient Mound of earth at another
place a few feet only distant from the old
foundation - with leave therefore of your Board
I will put a Stop to further expenditure on
this work -

In my former letter on the Subject of

Dischargin

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Vetrapengy fort I omitted Darapooram - I beg leave to recommend the demolition of this fort - it is of considerable extent and has several very strong Works - it has a broad Ditch which if filled by the walls would sufficiently destroy it so as to prevent any future use from it -

I have the honor to be with great respect - Gentlemen

your very obedient humble Servant

Dindigul

Feby 18th 1802.

(Signed) T B Hawkes Collr.

Lieut Col. Innes

&c &c &c

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Sir

I beg to annex Copy of letter from the Commercial Resident at Salem and request the favor of you to furnish the guard required on his account.

2 The amount Cash to be sent under Charge will be about twenty two thousand S Pags in Coin - I have the honor to be

Dindigul

18th Feby 1802

Sir &c &c

(Signed) T B Haw

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Lieut. Col. Innes.

Comg at Dindigul

Sir

In the accompanying papers I beg leave to send lists of such prisoners as may be released on the ~~Island on the~~ terms specified on each list—

2 The list No. 2 may with your concurrence be removed into the Village or the agree to the house prepared for them — which if not large enough — shall if possible be enlarged for their accommodation — or others shall be procured for them —

3 The allowances to all must at present continue as before until a specific pension can be settled for them — which [illegible] it will have reference to the accounts of the Pollams they formerly belonged to — cannot be proposed to government until those accounts are ready —

[illegible] It appears to me proper that these [illegible] [illegible] at or very near to Dindigul

– I shall therefore recommend that houses so as to form a distinct Village be erected for them at Mayelwangpettah which in respect to convenience certainly has the preference to all other places.

5. The respective Tahsildars have been written to on account of the necessary security in the interim unless you see objections these prisoners may be remanded to the Cutwals Choultry

I have the honor to be
Sir your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Hurdis
Col.

Dindigul
18th Feby 1802

Lieut Colle Innes &c
&c &c
&c

17 Sir

I beg the favor of you to direct that the Prisoners according to the enclosed List, now on the Rock be delivered over to the Cutwal to be released as security for them may arrive –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
18th Feby
1802 –

Cecil Smith Esqr.

Accountant General

Sir,

The first Kist of the Madura Poligars Wootapa naig & Podappa naig amounting to Star Pagodas 105. 19. 7. was collected and carried to Account in November last under "Madura Poligars" and was included in the Dindigul &ca. Balances of Cash in hand carried forward

2. —— But now - as all the Collections and Disburse-ments of the Madura district, entered in January are in every respect distinct from the Dindigul &ca. Districts & are entered under the distinct head "Madura District" the aforesaid Balance in the Treasury Account of November carried forward to December & from that to January - is in the January Treasury Account deducted from the previous General Balance of Dindigul &ca. Districts and distinctly entered under the Head "Madura districts"

3. —— This Alteration causes the Treasury Account - Abstract & Demand Collection & Balance to correspond with each other and has caused a difference under the head Salary & Commission in the Treasury Account - and in the Account particulars of Commission - by the deduction of the Commission on the aforesaid Balance - from the amount Commission on the previous Dindigul &ca. districts Balance, and its Addition to the Commission on the Balances of Madura districts -

4. —— In consequence I beg leave to send you a corrected

Accounts current & Account Commission which having Substituted for those before sent I beg the favor of you to return the old ones conceded to me –

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedient humble
Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul
18th February 1802 –

22 Charles Carpenter Esqr
&c &c &c

Sir

I transmit copy of Letter from Lieut Col. Innes in answer to your requisition –

2 Your Shroff with the amount Cash as Mr. Innes set out this moment for Salem –

3 He is directed to go by Rangherry, Caroor, Vangul – Moyganoor – Namcul & Monechoury – to Salem –

4 You will apply to Lieut Col Innes for the Batta Bills for the escort who will furnish them –

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient Servt
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Colr

Dindigul
19th Feby 1802

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William Jones Esqr
Subtreasurer &c.

Sir

Enclosed I send you two Bills one by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue No 287 Dated 16 Feby 1802 for Star Pagodas 10000 another by Mr Lutz Hible on the Collector of Dindigul in favor of the Commercial Resident of Salem No 1 Dated 25 November 1801 for Star Pagodas 2147 —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your very obedient Servant

Dindigul
19 February
1802 —

William Petrie Esqr President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen Madura Correspondence

I beg leave to send the list of the Zemindars as directed with further Remarks for the particular information of your Board —

The Secretarys letter of the 9th November last authorized the continuance of the pension to such as were from age and extreme poverty dependent on that alone —

In the List sent on the 3 Inst. therefore this was adverted to — they are not all infirm or diseased — some are widows

and

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Invoice of Coin Issued to Commercial
Resident of Salem 18th Feby 1802

		Pa	f
New Porto Nova Pagodas 25376½ 120 @ 100		21146	30
Mily fanams			15
	St. Pags	21147	

Errors Excepted
(Signed) [illegible]

The blanks are thus filled up
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Cecil Smith Esqr.
Accountant General

21 Sir

I beg to send you the accounts of the districts under my management for January 1802 - the only excuse I have to offer for delay in their transmission is what I have already noted to you in your office as Auditor - I trust it will not happen again -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
18th of February 1802 -

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…of those of 5 & 15 Years of Age - one is an orphan and the other …s an aged Mother only - which circumstances in my opinion render them fit objects for the bounty of Government -

4 Of the Remaining Youmedars who though having no settled Means of living - are not considered as particular objects of the Charity many live upon the Alms they receive from the charitable a mode of living extremely precarious -

5 I have the honor to be with great Respect -

Gentlemen

Your Very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
20th February 1802

William Petrie Esqre President
&c members of the
Board of Revenue

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Gentlemen

I beg leave to enclose for the inspection of your Board - Mr. assistant Collector Garrows specimen of malabar writing - want of practice, which attention to current business has in a great degree prevented make it not so elegant as it would have been - but I believe it will not be deficient in any other respect -

2 I am happy in having this opportunity of expressing my continued approbation of this Gentlemans conduct which bids fair to make him

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a very valuable servant to the Government
I have the honor to be with
great respect —
Gentlemen
&c. &c. &c.
Dindigul (signed) W.B. Hurdis
22d Feby 1802 — Collr

William Jones Esqre
32 Subtreasurer &c.
Sir
Enclosed I send you a Bill
by Lieut G. Bradley of Engineers on
the house of Messrs Hunter & Hay dated
22d Feby 1802. for St. Pags 500 — drawn in
my favor & endorsed to you I beg to have it
acknowledged when accepted & paid —
I have honor to be
Dindigul &c. &c.
24th Feby 1802 — (signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr

William Petrie Esqr President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue
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Gentlemen
I beg leave to send the enclosed letter and lists of
Poligars Families and prisoners —
2 Lieut. Colonel Innes in conversation has concurred
with

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[wi]th me on the Subject of my letter —

The third Paragraph has reference to the intention of the Allowance of 10 per Cent on the Ain Jummah of the Pollams for the Subsistence of the families respectively —

The place they now inhabit is much too Small — and [in] every respect unfit — but it was the only one procurable — I beg [lea]ve to build them houses at Nugelnaigputy — and to deduct the [a]mount expended on such buildings from the Allo[wa]nces that may ultimately be assigned them by regular Monthly Stoppages —

5th Should this suggestion be approved of by your Board I will endeavour that the work be done by with the greatest expe[di]tion and Oeconomy —

I have the honor to be with the great[est] Respect —

Gentlemen

Your Very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
22d Feby 1802 —

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William Garrow Esqre

Head Assistant Collr.

Sir,

In addition to the above information you will report what relations the [illegible] Poligars are and whether any of them appear capable of managing the Pollam — the rents of which you will for the present cause to be collected according to the Jummabundy settled with the Mountaneers of Pollam — the Bushcash to

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